Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-15. (Canceled).

16. (Currently amended) A method of treating ~~or preventing~~ HCC in a subject comprising administering to said subject an siRNA composition comprising a sense strand that comprises the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:19 as the target sequence, wherein said siRNA composition reduces the expression of *MGC47816* and inhibits the function of the protein encoded thereby.

17-20. (Canceled).

21. (Currently amended) A composition for treating ~~or preventing~~ HCC, said composition comprising a pharmaceutically effective amount of ~~an antisense polynucleotide or~~ a small interfering RNA (siRNA) against *MGC47816* as an active ingredient, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein said siRNA comprises a sense strand comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:19 as the target sequence, and said siRNA disrupts the function of the *MGC47816* gene and thereby inhibits the function of the *MGC47816* protein.

22-24. (Canceled).

25. (Currently amended) A small interfering RNA (siRNA), wherein the sense strand thereof comprises ~~a~~ the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 19 as the target sequence, and wherein the double-stranded region of the siRNA is 19 to 25 nucleotides in length.

26. (New) The siRNA of claim 25, wherein the sense strand thereof consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:19 as the target sequence.

27. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the method comprises administering said siRNA composition directly to a site of hepatocellular carcinoma in the body of said subject.

28. (New) A pharmaceutical composition for inhibiting the expression of *MGC47816* comprising a pharmaceutically effective amount of a small interfering RNA (siRNA), wherein the siRNA comprises the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:19 as the target sequence.

29. (New) A small interfering RNA (siRNA) for inhibiting the expression of *MGC47816*, wherein the siRNA is 19 to 25 nucleotides in length.